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SUBJECT: AID FAMILY PLANNING LOAN

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

1. YOUR 3306 REPORTING INDIAN REQUEST THAT WE APPROVE
EXTENSION FOR FAMILY PLANNING LOAN TO PREVENT LAPSE
MARCH 31 AND YOUR 3458 TELLING OF ATTACKS ON US BY
CONGRESS PARTY PRESIDENT SHARMA HAVE COME TO MY ATTENTION
ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY. FRANKLY THEY PLACE ME IN A QUANDRY.
ON ONE HAND, THE CONGRESS PARTY PRESIDENT IS PUBLICLY
CHARGING THAT US DOES NOT WANT TO SEE INDIA BECOME
ECONOMICALLY INDEPENDENT. ON OTHER, MINISTER OF FINANCE IS
REQUESTING EXTENSION TO PREVENT LOSS OF DOLS ONE MILLION
AID. THIS IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF DOUBLE STANDARD REGARDING
AID THAT HAS OFTEN BEEN SO AGGRAVATING IN PAST AND IS
NOT AN ACCEPTABLE WAY TO PROCEED.

2. I KNOW YOU HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK OPPORTUNITIES
TO MAKE CLEAR DAMAGE THAT GRATUITOUS CRITICISM HAS ON
BUILDING NEW INDO- US RELATIONSHIP. I LEAVE TO YOUR
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JUDGMENT HOW BEST TO MAKE THIS POINT, BUT I THINK IT
IMPORTANT THAT YOU HAVE AN EARLY AND FRANK DISCUSSION OF
THE PROBLEM WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS BEFORE YOU
AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF FAMILY PLANNING LOAN. FURTHERMORE,
PRIOR TO AGREEING TO EXTENSION,
YOU SHOULD INSIST THAT GOI IN SOME WAY MAKE IT MATTER OF

PUBLIC RECORD THAT EXTENSION TAKES PLACE AS RESULT ITS
REQUEST AND THAT USG RESPONDED POSITIVELY. I AM MOST
UNENTHUSIASTICALLY GIVING MY APPROVAL TO AID FOR THE
LOAN EXTENSION UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATED ABOVE.

3. BOTH KEN RUSH AND I WILL WANT TO TALK ABOUT THIS
KIND OF PROBLEM WITH YOU WHEN WE GET TOGETHER. RUSH

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